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Applicant filed a petition on May 5, 2005, petitioning that color drawings be accepted in the instant application. Applicant has indicated that color photographs are the only practical medium by which the subject matter of the present invention be disclosed. The Examiner acknowledges that the color figures are photographs of cultured cells. Applicant has fulfilled all requirements of 37 CFR 184 (a) (2) and the color photographs have been entered.

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